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Sir or Madam:

After carefully looking at the statistics and the suggested re-districting of the various communities, I feel that this plan only results in locating the low income or poorest neighborhoods into one district. Therefore creating something Minneapolis never has had, a true ghetto. A community that is over looked, ignored, manifests only despair and depression both economically and emotionally.

It has been established that Central already contains a high percentage of rental property compared to homeownership, now your plan allows for even a higher percentage of rental with escalation costs to homeowners. Being re-districted into a district of low income and poor only allows insurance to skyrocket. Allows red lining of the area through various services as repairs performed by contractors. Allows for the lack of public services and gives justification the lack of respect for the people who reside within the district. The end result will be higher crime numbers/incidents, complaints and civil suits.

The census data presented of the areas to be joined, present areas that are occupied with large percentages of rental versus homeownership, every present situation of population decline, high crime rates and average household income of only 42,000.

As a homeowner of the purposed new district, I am voicing my opinion against the re-districting. I am a resident of Central and do not want to be a resident of any district that does not have all three levels of income properly represented. Does not receive services due to location. Would be disregarded because of where I live within the city and would be required to pay higher property taxes, insurance and fees for services.

As a 35 year resident and homeowner of Central I feel the re-districting will not accomplish the requested outcome for representation by minorities groups who feel they are not considered as contenders for various city positions. All minorities of this city have had to establish representatives who have followed the agendas to acquire representation on various city boards and councils. To create a seat that they may or may not occupy is not in the best interest of the constituents of these districts or neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Elaine Dyer